

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION :
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: HEIDI POLREIS, RN :
Registration No. M000477, :
Registrant. :

**AGREED UPON DISPOSITION FOR
LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND
WAIVER OF HEARING**

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WHEREAS, Heidi Polreis ("Registrant"), is registered as an unlicensed medication aide (UMA) in the State of South Dakota and holds registration number M000477;

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") received a complaint and allegations against the Registrant in that Registrant administered medications to patients without documenting and had a nurse other than her supervising nurse later document the medication administration;

WHEREAS, based on the information provided to the Board, the Board has determined that Registrant's conduct is in violation SDCL § 36-9-49 (5) and (10) in that Registrant negligently, willfully, or intentionally acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of a person entrusted to the Registrant's care and/or engaged in unsafe nursing practice, substandard care, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL § 36-9-1.1, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices;

WHEREAS, the Registrant and the Board have agreed to resolve this complaint in the manner set forth in this agreed-upon disposition and waiver of hearing pursuant to ARSD 20:48:08:12(3); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this agreement to provide for a disposition of the registration issues presented by the Registrant's conduct, in a professional manner, without the necessity of further hearings and proceedings herein, and to provide for a responsible resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Registrant and the subject matter of this Order.
2. The Board asserts and the Registrant admits the facts set forth above.
3. The Registrant recognizes that this matter is of a nature that would constitute grounds for discipline of Registrant's registration to practice as an unlicensed medication aid in the State of South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49.
4. That the Registrant understands that Registrant has a right to a contested case hearing pursuant to SDCL Ch. 1-26 regarding this matter and that such rights under SDCL Ch. 1-26 include, but are not limited to, the right to be present at the contested case hearing, the right to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce evidence, and testimony on Registrant's behalf, to call witnesses, to cross examine witnesses, and to inspect all documentary evidence submitted to the Board and to appeal the Board's decision to the South Dakota Circuit Court and Supreme Court as provided by law.
5. By entering into this agreed-upon disposition with the Board, the Registrant hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights.

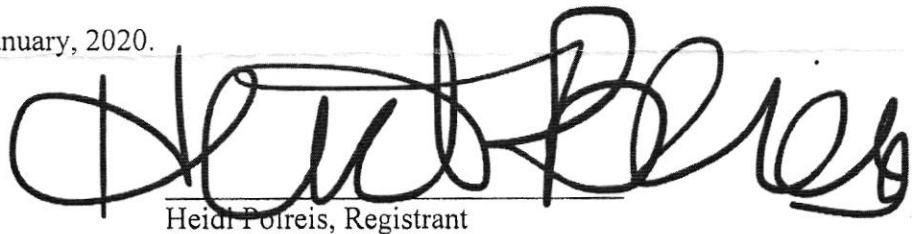
6. The Registrant has been given the opportunity to discuss this agreed-upon disposition with an attorney of Registrant's choice and is aware of Registrant's rights as outlined above. Registrant hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or other rights. Registrant is entering into this agreed-upon disposition voluntarily and without duress or compulsion.

7. The Board and the Registrant hereby agree that this matter will be resolved according to the disciplinary procedures outlined in ARSD 20:48:08:12(3), by the issuance of a Letter of Reprimand adopting this Agreed Upon Disposition.

8. Registrant understands that this is final action and is reportable discipline which will be published in the Board's newsletter, posted on its website, and reported into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as required by law. As this is a reportable discipline, Registrant is required to provide an affirmative response to inquiries of disciplinary action on further renewals and other nursing related inquiries.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 19 day of January, 2020.



Heidi Polreis, Registrant

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The South Dakota Board of Nursing met on the 13th day of February, 2020, to consider the above Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing. The Board, by a vote of 8 - 0, agreed to accept and adopt the Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and issue this Letter of Reprimand in accordance with the Agreed Upon Disposition.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the South Dakota Board of Nursing accepts, adopts, and incorporates Licensee's Agreed Upon Disposition for Letter of Reprimand and Waiver of Hearing into this Letter of Reprimand by reference, the same as if all such terms were set forth herein.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2020.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING



Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director